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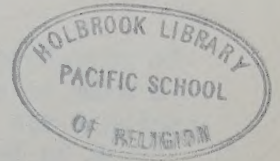
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Donn Michael Farris, Editor



A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT UHRICH

On June 19-21 our Eleventh Annual Conference is scheduled to be held at Fort Worth, Texas. Our meetings together are one of the primary means we have of continuing our fellowship and strengthening and developing our program and work. This is a matter of mutual interest and concern--the Association is enriched through the participation of our members in these meetings and the members profit as the work of the Association is established and extended.

Last year we met jointly with AATS, symbolizing and demonstrating our joint concern and efforts with the administrators of our institutions in the advancement of theological education. This year, as is our custom in the years between the joint sessions with AATS, we meet alone and devote our entire program to a consideration of the problems that grow out of our work and organization, with particular reference to the development of the two projects made possible by the grant of \$110,000 from The Sealantic Fund for the continuation and expansion of an index to religious periodical literature and the development of a microtext program.

The administrators of our schools have been informed of the importance of this Conference and the far-reaching implications these projects will have in the development of our libraries. Inasmuch as the policies for the utilization of these grants will be under discussion, it is of especial importance that your Library be represented. The officers of our Association are eager that these projects be directed for the benefit of all members of our Association and that, if possible, you plan to attend in order that you may be informed how you may cooperate to your greatest advantage and how to interpret this to your administrators when you return, in terms of ultimate benefits and participation by your institution.

Elsewhere in this issue, Vice-President Calvin H. Schmitt has provided the latest information on plans for the Conference program at Fort Worth. Under Mr. Schmitt's able and imaginative direction, an interesting program has been arranged. Our host librarian, Dr. L. R. Elliott and his Assistant Librarian, Dr. Charles P. Johnson, together with other librarians of the area, have cooperated in program planning and other details of the Conference in order that our visit may take fullest advantage of the riches and offerings of the area we are to visit.

We have sung "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Now we shall experience it. If you have not yet sent in your reservation for the Conference, please do so. See you at Fort Worth.

Helen B. Uhrich, President

AMERICAN THEATRICAL ASSOCIATION
Box 1, New York
New York, N.Y.
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Dear Mr. [Name]
[Address]

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

On June 12-13 our thirteenth annual convention is scheduled to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Our meeting is one of the primary means we have of maintaining our fellowship and co-operation and developing our program and work. This is a matter of mutual interest and concern to all members of the Association. Through the participation of our members in these meetings and the various events as the work of the Association is carried forward and extended.

Last year we met jointly with A.T.A. representatives and representatives of the joint concern and efforts with the representatives of our institutions in the advancement of theatrical education. This year, as in our previous years, we have the joint sessions with A.T.A. as well as our own sessions. The purpose of the convention is to bring out of our members and our institutions, with particular reference to the development of the theatrical arts, a program of action. It is the purpose of the Association to bring out of our members and our institutions, with particular reference to the development of the theatrical arts, a program of action. It is the purpose of the Association to bring out of our members and our institutions, with particular reference to the development of the theatrical arts, a program of action.

The representatives of our schools have been informed of the importance of this conference and the far-reaching implications these persons will have in the development of our theater. It is our hope that the participation of these persons will be most beneficial. It is our hope that the participation of these persons will be most beneficial. It is our hope that the participation of these persons will be most beneficial. It is our hope that the participation of these persons will be most beneficial. It is our hope that the participation of these persons will be most beneficial.

Remember in this time, when the theater is so important, that we must have the latest information on hand for our conference program at New York. Please let us know of any changes in your program. We are sure that your participation will be most beneficial. We are sure that your participation will be most beneficial. We are sure that your participation will be most beneficial. We are sure that your participation will be most beneficial. We are sure that your participation will be most beneficial.

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Committee to Study Library Standards. The American Association of Theological Schools announces the appointment of a Committee to make a study of library standards of the Association and to report its findings to the Executive Committee. This joint committee is composed of Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt and Dr. Connolly Gamble from ATLA and Dr. Riley B. Montgomery and Professor James M. Gustafson from AATS. Dr. Montgomery is President of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, and a member of the Executive Committee of AATS. Professor Gustafson is Associate Professor of Social Ethics at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, and Assistant Director of the staff of The Study of Theological Education in the United States and Canada.

Our Association has long been interested in a restudy of library standards. At the New York Conference in 1955 it was voted to send a letter in the form of a Resolution to the members of the AATS Executive Committee, expressing the hope that the minimum standards for accreditation of libraries of AATS be reviewed and brought up to date. The appointment of this committee provides the occasion whereby this action is now to be implemented.

The work of the Committee to Study Library Standards is important for the American Association of Theological Schools in its function as an accrediting agency and in its concern for the best possible preparation of men for an effective ministry. It indicates the place the library of the school plays in advancing the quality and effectiveness of theological education. The preparation of a statement on library standards by which the degree of adequacy of a library is to be judged for purposes of accrediting is of vital importance for our Association and its work.

The Committee to Revise the Library Check List, consisting of Selected Basic Reference Books, Periodicals and Check Sheets for Self-Study and Evaluation of Seminary Libraries, which was appointed in response to a request from AATS, will coordinate certain sections of its work with the report of the Committee to Study Library Standards. The Committee to Revise the Check List, announced in previous Newsletters, is composed of Miss Alice M. Dagan, Messrs. Robert F. Beach, Connolly Gamble, Jules Moreau and Donn Michael Farris, Chairman. Together these two reports will constitute a tool that will serve as an instrument of self-study and a stimulus for the improvement and enrichment of our theological seminary libraries.

Board of Directors for the Religious Periodical Index. The Board of Directors for the Religious Periodical Index held its first meeting in New York and Princeton on April 26-27 to discuss plans and outline policies for the implementation of this project made possible by a grant of \$30,000 from The Sealantic Fund. Those present were Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, Chairman, Mr. Robert F. Beach and Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, ATLA members appointed to this Committee; Dr. Bruce M. Metzger of Princeton Theological Seminary, AATS representative; and Miss Helen B. Urich, President of ATLA, ex officio. The Board is in the process of selecting an editor and a place to center the project, and of determining the scope of the Index. The details of these decisions will be reported at a later date.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

Since an early consideration will be the selection of the journals to be included in the Index, plans were made to circulate to the ATLA membership a list of titles that have been suggested for inclusion in an expanded Index. This list has already gone out to the membership, and in order that the results of this checking may be studied prior to the Fort Worth Conference, it is suggested that it be checked and returned promptly, together with any other suggestions that should be called to the attention of the Board. Additional matters connected with the development of the Index will be presented for discussion and review at the Conference.

Board of Directors for the Microtext Project. The organization of the Board to implement the microtext project, which was made possible by the grant of \$80,000 from The Sealantic Fund for this purpose, has now been completed. The Board held its organizational meeting in Chicago on April 8-10. The ATLA members appointed by the Executive Committee to this Board are Mr. Dechard Turner, Jr., Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, and Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Chairman. Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, of the Federated Faculties at Chicago, was appointed AATS representative. At its meeting in Chicago these members elected Dr. Herman H. Fussler, the Director of the University of Chicago Library, as the fifth member of the Board. Dr. Fussler was chosen because of his competence in the field of microphotography. Mr. Pierson was elected Secretary of the Board.

The Board is now working at the definition of policies and the establishment of the needs of our various institutions in terms of a microtext program. Further details will be presented for full consideration and discussion at the Fort Worth Conference.

Remaining Appointments Made to Nominating Committee. Miss Elizabeth Royer, Librarian of the Emory University School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia, and Dr. J. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, have been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Librarian of the Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, had previously been appointed as Chairman of the Committee.

Dr. Taylor to Attend ATLA Conference. We are happy to learn that Dr. Charles L. Taylor, Executive Director of the American Association of Theological Schools, plans to attend our Fort Worth Conference. His presence will provide our members with an opportunity to meet him and to get acquainted with him, and for him to learn to know us and the range and scope of our activities as reflected in our program. Dr. Taylor took up his duties as the first full-time Executive Director of AATS on January 1, 1957.

Meetings of the Executive Committee. As indicated in the program, meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled to be held at Fort Worth on Tuesday, June 18, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. In order that the Executive Committee may participate in the post-Conference tours, the meeting of the new Committee will be held at Dallas on Friday evening, unless further developments make this impractical.

Helen B. Uhrich, President

PROGRAM

American Theological Library Association
Eleventh Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, June 19-21, 1957
Host: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, L. R. Elliott, Librarian

TUESDAY, June 19

Executive Committee meets at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Convenient rooms will be available for other committees.

WEDNESDAY, June 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee meetings

10:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship - "Our Personal Calling: To Be Christians" -

Dr. Connolly Gamble

Greetings from the Host Institution

Presidential Address - Miss Helen B. Uhrich

Conference Aims - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt

Temporary Committee Appointments

Committee Reports:

Membership - Miss Betty Jane Highfield

Placement - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt

Buildings and Equipment - Mr. Frederick L. Chenery

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch - Exhibits

Temporary Committee Meetings

Completion of Registration

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION

Report on Sealantic Grant - Committee on Financial Assistance
from Foundations - Mr. Robert F. Beach

Report on Organization and Program of the Board for Periodical
Indexing - Dr. Jannette E. Newhall

Report on Organization and Program of the Board for Microtext
Reproduction - Dr. Raymond P. Morris

Recess

Paper: "The Relation of Bibliography to Theological Study" -
The Reverend Jules L. Moreau

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Western Style Chuck Wagon Supper on campus lawn

7:00 p.m. - EVENING SESSION

Report on and Discussion of the New Constitution - Dr. Raymond
P. Morris, Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, Miss Margaret J. Hort

Committee Reports: Newsletter - Miss Elizabeth L. Balz

Periodical Exchange - Miss Susan A. Schultz

Film: "Tour of Fort Worth"

PROGRAM

Host: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 401 N. Fourth, Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Sponsors: American Theological Library Association
Executive Committee, Louisville, Kentucky, June 19-23, 1977

THURSDAY, June 19

Registration and check-in 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Continental breakfast will be available for those who wish.

WEDNESDAY, June 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - General Session

10:00 a.m. - Session 1

9:00 a.m. - "The Historical Context of the Bible" -
Dr. Kenneth L. Taylor

9:30 a.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

10:00 a.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
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1:30 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

2:00 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

2:30 p.m. - Session 2

2:45 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

3:15 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

3:45 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

4:15 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

4:45 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

5:15 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

6:00 p.m. - Session 3

6:15 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

6:45 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

7:15 p.m. - "The Bible in the World" -
Dr. Robert L. Long

PROGRAM (continued)

THURSDAY, June 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship - "Our Corporate Calling: To Be Churchmen" -

Dr. Connolly Gamble

Report and Discussion: Committee on Recruitment and Education
for Theological Librarianship - Dr. Henry M. Brimm

Reports: ATLA Representative on ALA Council - Mr. Calvin H.
Schmitt

Treasurer - Mr. Harold B. Prince

International Association of Theological Libraries -
Dr. L. R. Elliott

ATLA Representative on ALA Committee on Reprinting -
Dr. Frank M. Vanderhoof

Recess

Report: Committee on Cataloging and Classification -
Miss Olive M. Grobel

"Classification? Yes--and No!" - Dr. Lucy W. Markley

"New Subject Entries in Theology" - Miss Ruth C. Eisenhart

"Bible Entries in the Dictionary Catalog" - Miss Clara B.
Allen

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch - Exhibits

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION

"Plymouth Brethren Writers" (historical-bibliographical paper)

- Dr. Arnold D. Ehlert

"Audio-Visual Aids" - Miss Mildred Williams, Baptist Sunday
School Board

Recess

Discussion: Audio-Visual Aids in the Seminary Library -
Led by Dr. Charles P. Johnson

"Library Binding Problems" (illustrated presentation) -
Dr. Niels H. Sonne

6:30 p.m. - Banquet at Texas Christian University Student Center -

Mr. Claude G. Sparks, Chairman

Recognition of New Members

Guest Speaker: Dr. Herbert Pickens Gambrell, Head of
the Department of History, Southern Methodist
University

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/10/50

TO: Mr. Tolson

FROM: Mr. Clegg

SUBJECT: "The American Soldier in the Orient"

Mr. Clegg has been assigned to investigate the activities of the "The American Soldier in the Orient" group. This group is a collection of individuals who are active in the Orient and are known to be active in the United States. The group is active in the United States and is known to be active in the United States. The group is active in the United States and is known to be active in the United States.

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FRIDAY, June 21

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship - "Our Vocational Calling: To Be Servants of Christ" -
Dr. Connolly Gamble
Closing Business Session
Committee Reports: Auditing
Nominating
Resolutions

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Post-Conference tours begin.

COMMENTS FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

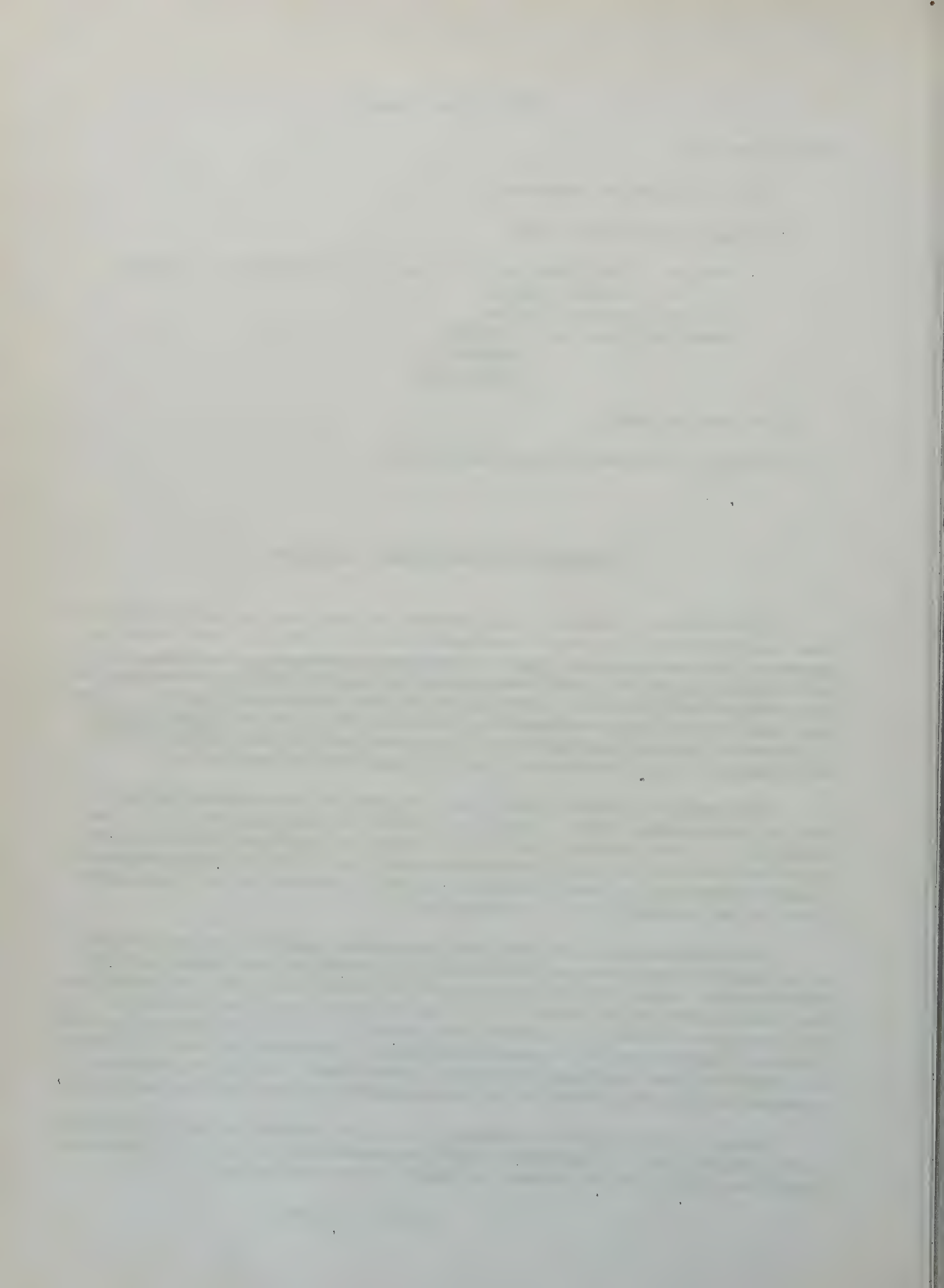
In true Texas fashion, a most cordial welcome awaits the Eleventh Annual Conference of ATLA when it convenes in Fort Worth on June 19 on the campus of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our host, Dr. L. R. Elliott, and his staff have spared nothing to provide convenient and comfortable facilities for every aspect of the Conference program. If you have not sent in your reservation, you are urged to do so without delay! A glance at the program will reveal that vital and urgent matters are to be presented to the Association for its consideration and action.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been making extended use of audio-visual aids. Since the library has participated in the development of this program, and since a number of our Association members face the question of what place audio-visual aids have in their respective library programs, it seems prudent to devote a portion of our Conference time to the discussion of this question.

At the Berkeley Conference, the Association approved an appointment of a separate Committee on Recruitment and Education for Theological Librarianship. Under the Chairmanship of Dr. Henry Brimm this new committee has been faithfully at work. A stimulating report will be presented. It will contain a summary of factual data about the current situation in theological libraries and also some elaboration of problems we face in matters of recruiting and training theological librarians. Dr. Brimm reports a ninety-five percent return on the questionnaire sent out by his committee.

We are grateful that Dr. Charles L. Taylor, Executive Director of the AATS, and Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen, AATS Representative on the ATLA Executive Committee, will both be present to share in our Conference.

Calvin H. Schmitt



A NOTE FROM OUR HOST, DR. L. R. ELLIOTT

As of Wednesday, May 8, there were 50 out-of-Fort Worth reservations. There were 25 indicating inability to attend. Letters of information and return post cards were sent to 195 names. This leaves 120 who had not responded. Those reading this information who have not yet replied and who expect to attend the Conference should return the post card notice at once. Provision for rooms cannot be assured those whose post card information reaches us after June 6. Be sure to check the proper space on the card if you are interested in any of the post-Conference trips.

Members wishing counsel on library planning are invited to bring their personal sketches and a statement of their needs. To such there will be available free consultation service by librarians and architects with extensive experience in library planning.

L. R. Elliott

REQUESTS FROM ATLA COMMITTEES

Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution, urges that the members of ATLA read the proposed Constitution which has been mailed to them, and that they send their comments and criticisms to him prior to the Fort Worth Conference. Dr. Morris should be addressed at the Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

The Committee on the Constitution also suggests that each member bring with him to Fort Worth his copy of the proposed Constitution for use when the document is discussed at the Conference.

The Committee on International Relations needs members' reaction on two suggestions regarding the proposed International Bibliography of Theology. (1) Shall it be an index to the bibliographies in various forms already published going back to 1500? (2) Since much of the material cited under No. 1 is already accessible in varying degrees, should the bibliography be a quarterly periodical report of current and recent literature about which there is no comparable information? Members are invited to communicate their thinking on these questions to the Chairman of the Committee: Dr. L. R. Elliott, Fleming Library, Box 6988, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

The Nominating Committee again points out that it will welcome suggestions of persons to serve as officers and members of the Executive Committee of ATLA for the 1957-1958 term. Communications may be addressed to Miss Elizabeth Royer, Librarian, Candler School of Theology, 102 Theology Building, Emory University, Georgia; Dr. J. Stillson Judah, Librarian, Pacific School of Religion, 1723 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley 9, California; or Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Librarian, Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina.



ATLA BOOK PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT

A publishers' exhibit of current religious books will again be arranged for the June Conference by Mr. Alec Allenson on behalf of ATLA. This exhibit will be similar in plan and arrangement to previous exhibits arranged by Mr. Allenson, which have come to be such an interesting and worthwhile part of the Conference program.

This year fifty publishers are cooperating with ATLA by contributing 601 books for display. The list of publishers includes eight from England and ten firms which did not participate last year. As in previous years, these books will be on display throughout the Conference and then made available at half price to member librarians attending the Conference. The lists of the exhibit books have been distributed to the ATLA membership both to inform them of the selection and to give them an opportunity to place their requests with Mr. Allenson for one copy of each title at this price. These lists, when checked, are to be returned not later than June 1 to Mr. Allenson.

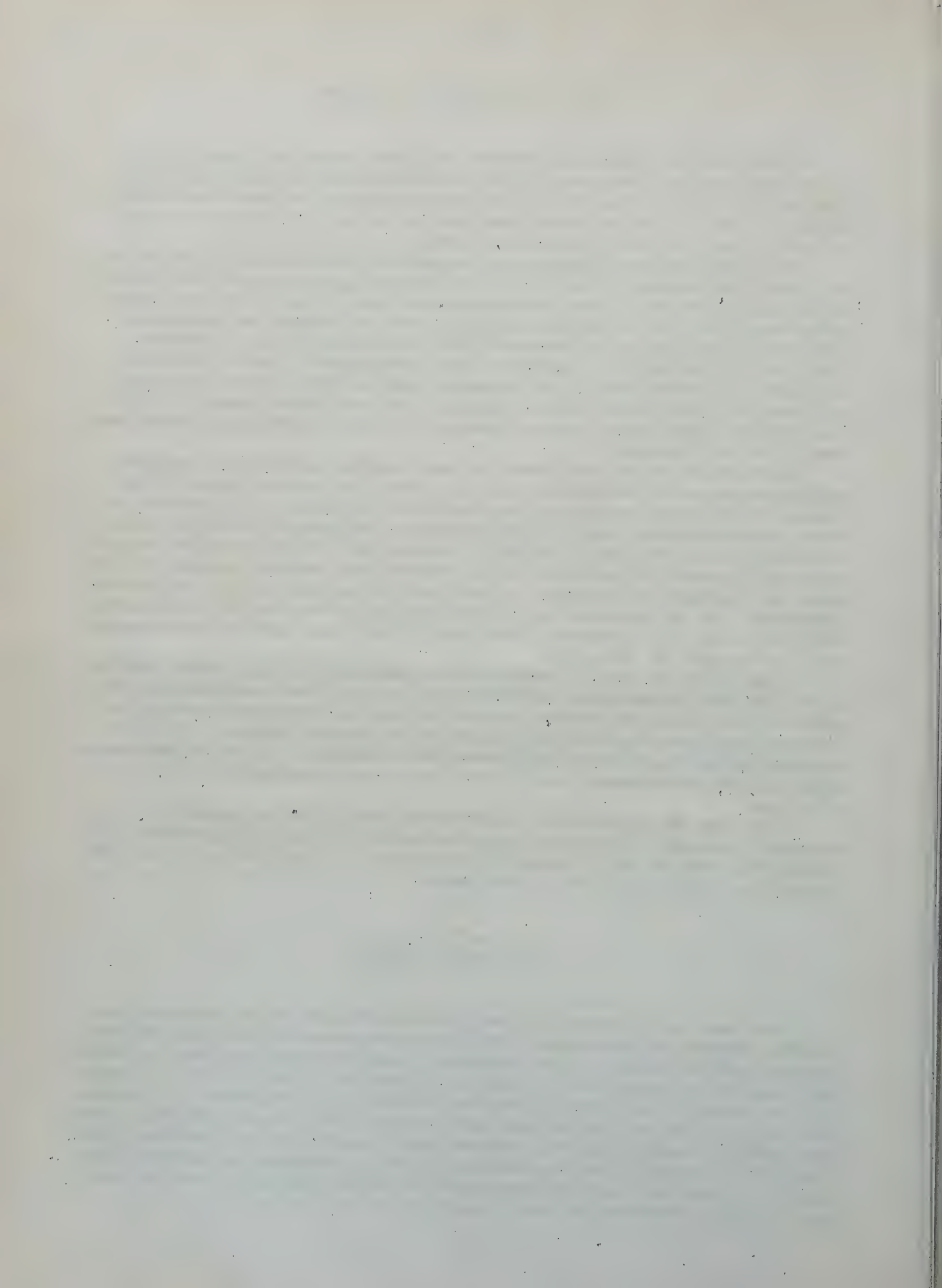
In fairness to the publishers who are making this exhibit possible, participation in the half-price plan is contingent upon a member of the Library staff being present at the Fort Worth Conference. Librarians or their representatives must have their orders validated by checking with the attendant at the Book Exhibit to be sure they are eligible for exhibit books at 50 percent discount. Slight postage and service charges will be added for packing and handling. Checks are to be made payable to the ATLA Treasurer. As in previous years, the proceeds of the sale of these books will go to the ATLA treasury. Last year \$806.05 was added to the treasury from the exhibit at Berkeley.

Since only one copy of each title is available at half price, and in order that the cooperating publishers may realize some immediate and tangible results from the exhibit, an option has been provided whereby librarians may complete their selections at 20 percent discount, books to be supplied by Mr. Allenson following the Conference. Books ordered under this optional arrangement will be sent and charged separately by Mr. Allenson.

Last year Mr. Allenson's convalescence from injuries received in an automobile accident prevented his attending the Berkeley Conference. It is expected that he will attend the Conference at Fort Worth, and we look forward to having him with us once again.

MICROTEXT PROJECT

The Board of Directors of the Microtext Project calls the attention of ATLA members to the request which they have received for judgment regarding certain periodical and monograph material which has been suggested for possible reduction to microtext or microfilm. The work of the Board will be greatly facilitated if members will give their careful consideration to the materials which have been proposed for inclusion in the microtext program, and if they will return their reports to the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Raymond P. Morris, before the ATLA Conference convenes in June. This will give the Board an opportunity to study the results and to prepare them for presentation and discussion in Fort Worth.



WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OFFERS SUBSCRIPTION PLAN FOR ITS PUBLICATIONS

The World Council of Churches announced last February in Geneva the inauguration of a new plan which will enable libraries and individual subscribers to receive, in return for a single annual subscription fee, all official publications of the World Council as they appear.

The subscription plan is available in any one of three forms; and, of course, all World Council publications may still be purchased separately. The scope and cost of each plan are as follows:

- 1) All publications and documents, including periodicals.
One year - \$23.00
- 2) All publications and documents, excluding periodicals.
One year - \$15.00
- 3) The five regular periodicals of the World Council (The Ecumenical Review, Ecumenical Press Service, Bulletin of the Division of Studies, News Sheet, and Laitie). One year - \$8.25;
three years - \$23.50.

Further details of the subscription plans and lists of the World Council's publications may be secured by writing to the Publications Officer, World Council of Churches, 17 route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

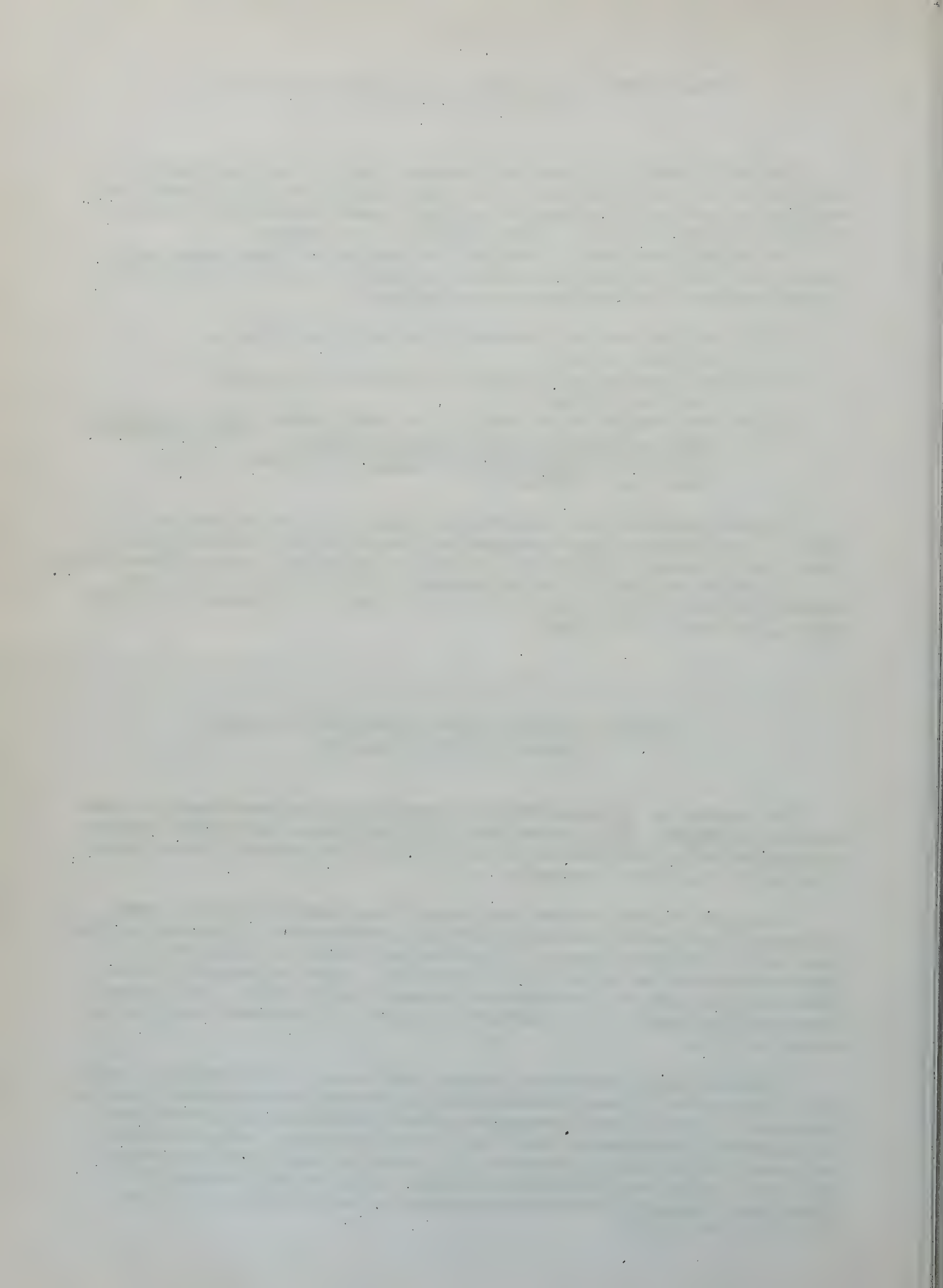
Subscriptions should also be directed to this office, or for subscribers in the United States, to the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT PROGRESS ON VATICAN LIBRARY MICROFILM PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus Vatican Microfilm Project was brought to completion in January, 1957. More than 11,500,000 pages were filmed and are now available for consultation in the Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri.

A new and related project has already been started under the same auspices. This project envisions the film reproduction of the rare printed books of the Vatican Library. Film copies of these rare books are to be made available at as low a price as possible. Lists of materials to be filmed will be sent to libraries and research institutions. It is hoped that the film copies of the first of the books will be ready early in the summer of 1957.

The Saint Louis University Library also plans to make available soon color duplicates (35 mm. transparencies) in several sets selected from the thousands of such colored transparencies of illuminated manuscripts and architectural masterpieces which the Library possesses. At present the following sets are being prepared: St. Peter's, Rome (interior views), the Urbino Bible, and the Vatican Project. Each set will contain 30 slides and a summary description suitable for lecture preparation, and will sell for \$25.00.



NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Mr. Galen S. Alexander resigned his position as Librarian of the Temple University School of Theology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the end of March because of ill health. Mr. Alexander had served in this position only since last November.

Mr. Frank P. Crisham returned last September to his former position as Librarian of the Religion Section of the Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee. The Religion Section of the JUL serves the Vanderbilt Divinity School. Mr. Crisham had left his position in Nashville on March 1, 1954, to join the faculty of Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama. While there he served as Director of Religious Life on the campus and as Associate Pastor of the McCoy Methodist Church, the college church, in addition to teaching in the Department of Religion.

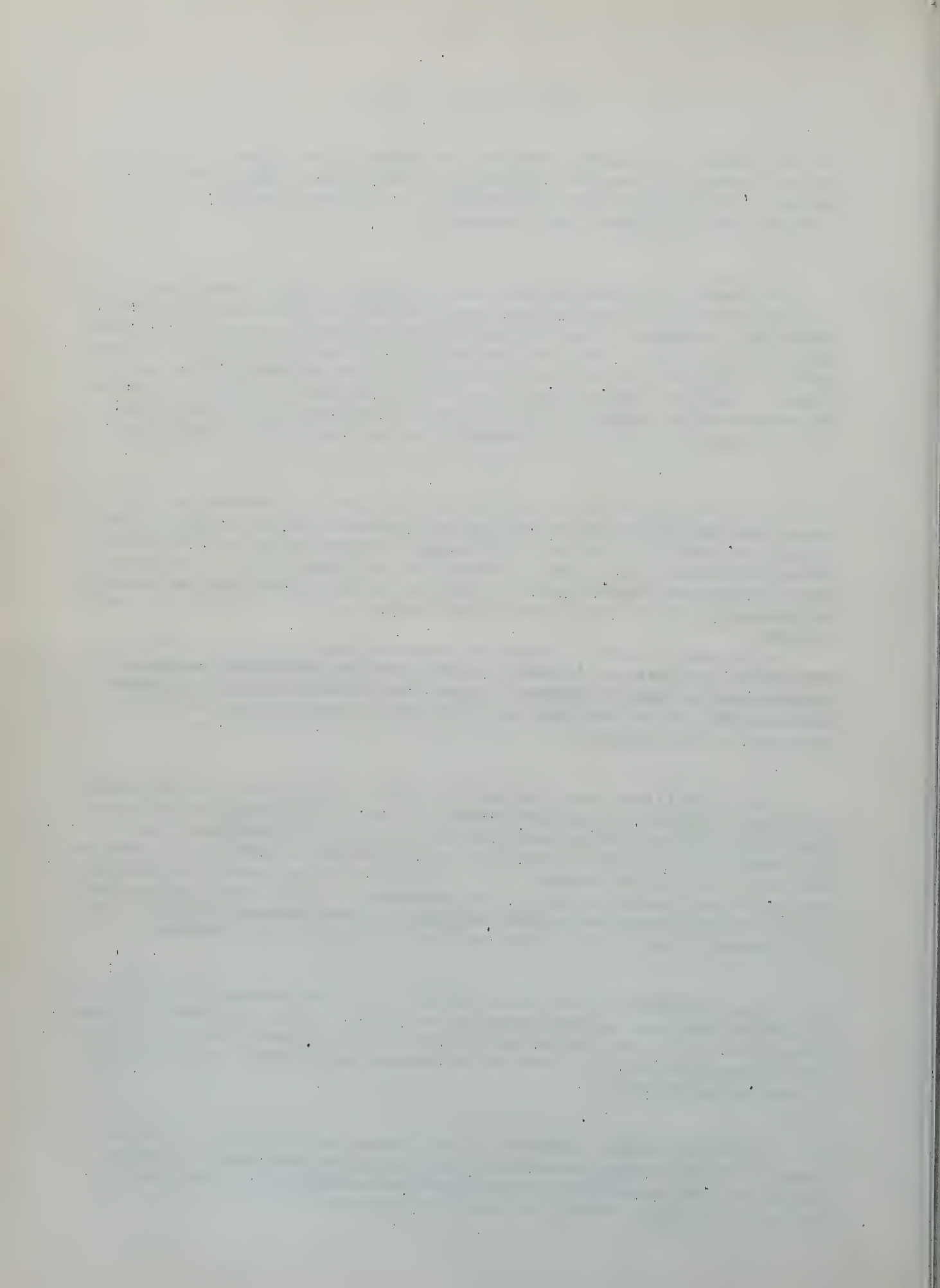
Mr. F. Wilbur Helmbold resigned his position as Librarian of the Providence-Barrington Bible College in Providence and Barrington, Rhode Island, on April 15. On May 1, he assumed his new duties as Librarian of Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama. He had been Librarian at Providence-Barrington since August 1, 1954, and prior to that time had served on the staffs of the Birmingham Public Library and the Duke University Library.

An unusual feature of Howard's extension program is its operation throughout the state of Alabama of fifty evening centers of religious instruction for church workers. One of Mr. Helmbold's early responsibilities will be to institute and coordinate adequate extension library service for this program.

Dr. J. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, has been awarded a Faculty Fellowship by the American Association of Theological Schools for the 1957-58 academic year. Dr. Judah's Fellowship is among the initial group of grants to be made annually by the AATS to members of the faculties of the various seminaries who are taking sabbatic leave. In September, Dr. Judah will begin a tour of the United States during which he will collect material for a book on the history of the non-Christian religious groups in this country.

Mrs. Elizabeth Norris became Librarian of the National Conference for Christians and Jews in New York City on May 15. During the past two years Mrs. Norris has been a member of the staff of the Union Theological Seminary Library in New York, serving as Cataloging Assistant and Religious Education Librarian.

Dr. Roger Nicole, Director of the Library at the Gordon Divinity School, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, will be on leave from his duties during the fall semester of the 1957-58 term, and will sail on June 3 for seven months of travel and study in Europe.



NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS (continued)

Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian of The College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky, has been named Chairman of the Survey Commission of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. The function of the Commission is to study the purposes and operational pattern of the Society, and to make recommendations regarding its administrative function, personnel and services.

Miss Sachi Shimomura has recently joined the cataloging staff of the Union Theological Seminary Library in New York City, succeeding Mrs. Elizabeth Norris. Miss Shimomura is a graduate of Temple University and of the Drexel Institute of Technology Library School, both in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has completed her work toward the M. L. E. degree at the Biblical Seminary in New York. She has previously served as Cataloging Assistant in the Princeton Theological Seminary Library from 1951 until 1954 and as a part-time member of the Cataloging Department of the Biblical Seminary in New York from 1954 through 1956.

Mrs. Richard Stoehr has become a member of the Cataloging Department of the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary Library in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a graduate of Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois, and of the University of Minnesota Library School in Minneapolis. Mrs. Stoehr has previously held positions in the libraries of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; Roosevelt University; North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago; and the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Mr. James Tanis was appointed to the position of Librarian of the Andover-Harvard Theological Library at the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, beginning January 1, 1957. Mr. Tanis received the B. A. degree from Yale University in 1951 and the B. D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1954. He has served as Assistant Pastor of the Church of the Son of Man, East Harlem Protestant Parish, in New York City, and as Co-pastor of the Greystone Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey. While serving in the latter capacity he was also Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts in the Union Theological Seminary Library in New York City. He is married to the former Miss Tracy Horton of Atlanta, Georgia.

CHICAGO AREA LIBRARIANS MEET

The theological librarians in the Chicago area have held two meetings since the first of the year. They met on February 23 at the Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago with Miss Carrie Simmers, Librarian, as hostess, and on May 6 at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, with Miss Ruth Kraemer, Librarian, as hostess.

PERIODICAL BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The first issue of Manuscripta, published by the Saint Louis University Library in St. Louis, Missouri, appeared in February, 1957. The editor of the journal is Lowrie J. Daly, who is assisted by Edward R. Vollmar and Charles J. Ermatinger. The editors describe the purposes of Manuscripta as the publication of scholarly articles of a general nature, the publication of articles based upon research in the manuscript collection of The Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University, the recording in a "Notes and Comments" section of information about articles and books concerning manuscripts, the listing of the codices in the various collections in the Film Library which are available for use, and the reviewing of books of general interest to students and teachers of the Humanities and History (including the history of the sciences). The list of the codices available for consultation at The Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library will be the official and complete listing of this collection.

Manuscripta will be published three times a year, in February, July and October. The subscription rate is \$4.00 a year. Single copies are \$1.50. Orders are to be sent to Manuscripta, Saint Louis University Library, St. Louis 3, Missouri.

It should be noted that two experimental issues of Manuscripta appeared in 1954, and were designated Vol. 1, No. 1 (April 1, 1954) and Vol. 1, No. 2 (October, 1954). In a letter (dated February 23, 1957), to the Editor of the Newsletter, Mr. Ermatinger, Assistant Editor of Manuscripta, has indicated that all the material which was included in these two experimental issues will be incorporated in the new Manuscripta which began publication last February.

A new Methodist periodical, The Methodist Story, began publication in February, 1957. Its aim is to "... present to the local church for its use the program and promotional materials of the general agencies ..." of the Methodist Church. By action of the General Conference of 1956, The Methodist Story replaces five of the denomination's older periodicals which have now been suspended: Shepherds, The Pastor's Journal, Church and Campus, The Voice, and The Story. The new magazine will appear monthly, save that the July and August numbers will be combined into a single issue. The subscription rate is \$1.50 a year, from The Methodist Story, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The periodical, Religion & Health, suspended publication with the May, 1957 issue, Vol. 6, No. 1. The magazine was founded and has been edited for the past six years by Dr. Russell L. Dicks, Professor of Pastoral Care at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. Reasons for the suspension include lack of adequate financial resources, and the Editor's other teaching and publishing commitments.

BUILDING NOTES

The Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee, will move to a new building in the summer. The Library will be located conveniently on the first floor, and will contain approximately 5,000 square feet of space. The space has been arranged in such a way as to allow for expansion in the future, and is designed with a research area and a browsing area. The offices will have movable walls, and the Library will be equipped throughout with completely new, modern stacks and furniture.

The Library staff consists of six members--two professional and four non-professional. Its main function is to give service to staff members of Abingdon Press and other divisions of the Methodist Publishing House, and to the Methodist Church. In addition, the Library provides current fiction and periodicals for recreational reading by the employees of the House. The special Methodist Historical Collection consists of 15,500 cataloged books, not including official records and periodicals. The editorial reference collection consists of approximately 8,000 cataloged volumes, not including back files of related periodicals. Miss Elizabeth Hughey is the Librarian.

Construction of the new \$500,000 addition to the library-administration building at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, is expected to be completed by July, 1957. The four-story reinforced concrete and glass building will provide the library with stack space for 50,000 volumes, study carrels, enlarged office and work space, and an exhibit room for the John Howell Bible Collection. Completion of the addition will also entail extensive remodeling of the present circulation, cataloging and book-binding areas to provide for their more efficient arrangement and operation. Dr. J. Stillson Judah is the Librarian.

The new Robert E. Speer Library of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, opened for limited service to students and faculty on April 25. The \$1,500,000 building contains 74,000 square feet of floor space on a basement and two above-ground levels, and has a book capacity of 400,000 volumes and a seating capacity of 350 readers. Formal dedication of the Library will be made on October 8. Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp is the Librarian.

The proposed new library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, is to be named in honor of the man most responsible for the establishment of the Seminary--James Pettigru Boyce. This action was taken by the Seminary's Board of Trustees during their annual meeting on March 12 and 13. Expected to cost some \$1,500,000, the James P. Boyce Library is planned for completion during the Seminary's 1959 Centennial Year. Dr. Leo T. Crismon is the Librarian.

MISCELLANEA

The McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago has recently purchased nine Dead Sea Scroll fragments with a \$6,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rehnborg of Buena Park, California. The manuscripts, secured from Bedouins through the agency of the Jordan Government, were found by tribesmen in Cave IV, Qumran, on the northwestern edge of the Dead Sea. They will remain in the Palestine Archeological Museum in Jerusalem for study and editing and will be released to the Seminary after publication.

Eight of the manuscripts are written on leather. They include a paraphrase of Genesis, an Essene liturgy, a hymnic work, a wisdom writing, a manuscript of Ecclesiastes which dates from about 150 B. C., a manuscript of Jeremiah, and two from Daniel. The Jeremiah manuscript is the only known Hebrew manuscript representing the shorter text used by the translators of the ancient Greek version. The older Daniel manuscript dates from the close of the Second Century, B. C. and probably was written not much more than fifty years after the composition of the original work. In addition to the eight leather documents, there is a papyrus scroll containing part of a previously unknown apocalyptic work similar in type to the Book of Daniel.

The Union Theological Seminary Library in New York City has just prepared a CUMULATED SUPPLEMENT to the Union Classification which collects in one sequence the material from the FIRST SUPPLEMENT (1945), the SECOND SUPPLEMENT (1951) and all the CURRENT LISTS OF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS from 1951 through April, 1957. Those who have used these supplements to annotate their copies of the Classification will not find anything new; those who have not annotated their copies may find the single sequence more convenient than the series previously published. It is available at \$2.00 a copy from the Union Theological Seminary Library, Broadway at 120th Street, New York 27, New York.

The permanent records of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades are to be housed in the new James P. Boyce Library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, scheduled to be completed in 1959. These materials will include films on the crusades, correspondence, and complete files on Mr. Graham's evangelistic meetings.

The Luther Theological Seminary Library in St. Paul, Minnesota recently received a gift collection of Martin Luther's Small Catechisms, representing translations into 146 languages and dialects. Asian, African and Oceanic languages and dialects are included in addition to those of the Western Hemisphere.

POSITION OPEN

The Robert E. Spear Library of Princeton Theological Seminary has an opening for a young and adaptable descriptive cataloger. Interested persons may write to Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, Librarian, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

